(e) The details arc as under:—

Designation	No. of posts sanctioned	No. of in position	Vacant
Director	1	1	Nil
Dy. Director	1	1	Nil
Asstt. Director	2	Nil	2
Senior Research Officer	6	6	4
Research Officer	11	6	5
Administrative Officer	1	Nil	1
Technical Officer	2	2	Nil.

(f) The following are sonic of the major achievements of the RMRC. Dibrugarh:—

(1) Research Studies in the field of Malaria, Japanese Enccphaliti haemoglobinopathy and allied disorders and cancer of the nasopharynx.

2. Participated in the Department of Science and Technology (DST) sponsored project on insecticide impregnated bet-not trial with success.

3. Studies on soot and smoked meat in collaboration with cancer Research Institute. Bombay.

4. Initiated studies on Ebstein Barr(EB) virus for Ganomc mapping in collaboration with Institute of Cytology and Preventive Oncology (ICPO). New Delhi?

5. Studies on the tribals for abnormal haemoglobin and G-6-PD deficency. which has important implications in management of malaria.

6. Evaluation of Iodine in Salt at Household level.

7. Surveys for knowledge and attitude of the people in respect of HIV infection.

(g) Two casual workers have been enaged in the Guest House of RMRC. Dibrugarh, since October, 1992, who ac satisfactorily managing the Guest House, which is meant only for Officers who visit RMRC for official work.

Steps to Check use of Heroin

6700A PROF. VIJAY KUMAR MALHOTRA. Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the use of Heroin is spreading steady fast in the country; and

(b) if so, what steps have been taken by Government to check this?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) The spread of use of Heroin in the country is reported to be mainly in vulnerable areas like North-Eastern States and certain Metropolitan cities.

(b) Apart from stepping up enforcement efforts, Government has provided for strnigent punishment for violation of relevant Acts.

Steps have been taken to increase awareness about the menace of Drugs and to provide for treatment and rehabilitation of Drug addicts through trained professionals in various parts of the country.